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AS REQUESTED IN REFTEL, ALL MEETING RECOMMENDATIONS, WITH EXCEPTION OF LAST (29TH) RELATING TO EXCLUSION OF ISRAEL FROM HABITAT, ARE QUOTED BELOW:

1. THE VANCOUVER CONFERENCE SHOULD GIVE SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE EXISTING STATE OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS INCLUDING CONSIDERATION OF INSTITUTIONS, STRUCTURES, FINANCES, TECHNOLOGIES AND MANAGERIAL REQUIREMENTS, WITH MORE EMPHASIS ON INTEGRATED POLICIES AND PLANNING;
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2. THE VANCOUVER CONFERENCE SHOULD CALL FOR THE FULLEST POSSIBLE POPULAR PARTICIPATION IN THE PLANNING, CONSTRUCTION, MODERNISATION AND MANAGEMENT OF FUTURE HUMAN SETTLEMENTS;

3. SPECIAL POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES SHOULD BE ELABORATED AT THE NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS TO ENSURE THAT FUTURE HUMAN SETTLEMENTS HAVE THE NECESSARY COMPLEMENT OF TRAINED PERSONNEL AND MANAGEMENT CADRES AT LOCAL, REGIONAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS;

4. MODERNISATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS SHOULD TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE FULLEST POSSIBLE USE OF APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGIES UTILISING NEW FORMS OF KNOWLEDGE AND TECHNOLOGY, CONSISTENT WITH THE LEVEL OF DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESTRAINTS;

5. THE VANCOUVER CONFERENCE SHOULD RECOMMEND THAT ALL COUNTRIES UNDERTAKE A CRITICAL EXAMINATION OF THEIR PRESENT POLICIES AND INSTITUTIONS RELATING TO HUMAN SETTLEMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING AND REVITALISING THEM AND ADOPTING OR CREATING NEW ONES WHERE NECESSARY;

6. TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE COMPLEXITY OF HUMAN SETTLEMENT ISSUES, THE VANCOUVER CONFERENCE SHOULD CONSIDER THE EXTENT OR DEGREE TO WHICH AND THE MANNER IN WHICH THE TREATMENT OF THESE ISSUES SHOULD BE CENTRALISED OR DECENTRALISED IN ORDER TO MEET SPECIFIC REGIONAL NEEDS;

7. THE VANCOUVER CONFERENCE SHOULD ADOPT A DECLARATION IN QUALITATIVE TERMS IN REGARD TO MINIMUM HUMAN NEEDS CONSISTENT WITH HUMAN DIGNITY IN HUMAN SETTLEMENTS IN SUCH AREAS AS FOOD, CLOTHING AND SHELTER, WHERE THESE HAVE NOT YET BEEN FULFILLED, AND THEN CALLING FOR BOTH NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ACTION FOR A STEADY IMPROVEMENT OF STANDARDS IN ORDER TO ENRICH THE QUALITY OF LIFE; SUCH A DECLARATION SHOULD DISTINGUISH BETWEEN NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS. TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE DIVERSITY BETWEEN REGIONS AND COUNTRIES AS WELL AS AMONG DIFFERENT ORDERS OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS;

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8. THE VANCOUVER CONFERENCE SHOULD TAKE UP THE NEED FOR APPROPRIATE POLICIES IN REGARD TO THE USE AND DEVELOPMENT OF URBAN AND RURAL AND OTHER LAND IN THE CONTEXT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENT NEEDS IN ORDER TO PROMOTE EQUITABLE USE OF LAND BY ALL SOCIAL GROUPS OF SOCIETY IN A MANNER COMPATIBLE WITH ITS STANDARDS;

9. THE VANCOUVER CONFERENCE SHOULD ALSO TAKE UP THE NEED FOR POLICIES IN REALTION TO THE GROWTH AND DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION IN THE DIFFERENT REGIONS AND WITHIN NATIONAL STATES, WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE DYNAMIC BALANCE BETWEEN RURAL AND URBAN AREAS, WHICH BALANCE CAN BE ATTAINED BY PARALLEL DISTRIBUTION IN JOB OPPORTUNITIES, DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT AND SOCIAL SERVICES;

10. THE VANCOUVER CONFERENCE SHOULD ALSO TAKE UP THE ISSUES OF VARIOUS FORMS OF MIGRATION, WHETHER AS A RESULT OF NATURAL DISASTERS, POPULATION UPHEAVALS, ECONOMIC NEED OR INVOLUNTARY MIGRATIONS;

11. IN VIEW OF THE SHORT TERM AND IN SOME CASES URGENT NEEDS OF MANY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AS FOR EXAMPLE, BANGLADESH AND PALESTINE, WHERE UNSETTLED AND HOMELESS POPULATION REACHED SUBSTANTIAL NUMBERS, THE VANCOUVER CONFERENCE SHOULD CONSIDER IMMEDIATE MEASURES TO ALLEVIATE THE DISTRESS AS A FIRST STEP AND CONSIDER INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS AIMED AT ASSESSING ALL ASPECTS OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS;

12. THE CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL CO-OPERATION IN THE FOLLOWING FIELDS: (A) ESTABLISHMENT OF INTEGRATED HUMAN SETTLEMENTS; (B) DEVELOPMENT OF UNDERDEVELOPED AREAS; AND (C) PROVISION OF BASIC SERVICES FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, THROUGH ALL POSSIBLE AVENUES OF INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL CO-OPERATION. THE CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THAT THE VANCOUVER CONFERENCE CONSIDER THE RATIONALISATION OF ALL ACTIVITIES RELATING TO HUMAN SETTLEMENT SECTOR INCLUDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENTS UNDER WHICH SHOULD FALL ALL INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMMES RELATING TO THE HUMAN SETTLEMENT SECTOR WHICH ARE NOW SCATTERED AMONG THE VARIOUS PARTS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, INCLUDING

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ING RELATED ACTIVITIES OF A PRE-INVESTMENT CHARACTER IN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM. (THE DELEGATION OF SAUDI ARABIA INDICATED THAT COUNTRY'S PREPAREDNESS TO MAKE AVAILABLE ALL NECESSARY FINANCIAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES NEEDED FOR ESTABLISHING THIS ORGANISATION, SHOULD IT BE DECIDED TO LOCATE IT IN SAUDI ARABIA). (D) SETTING UP OF THE APPROPRIATE INSTITUTIONS PARTICULARLY IN REGARD TO SPECIAL PROBLEM AREAS FOR CONDUCTING RESEARCH AND TO DEVISE WAYS TO PREVENT OR MINIMISE THE EXTENT OF DEVASTATION TO HUMAN SETTLEMENTS BY RECURRING ELEMENTAL FORCES;
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13. THE CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THAT THE VANCOUVER CONFERENCE BE MADE AWARE OF THE RESOLUTIONS OF ALL RELEVANT UNITED NATIONS AGENCIES AND BODIES INCLUDING THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF INTEGRATING SUCH RESOLUTIONS IN ITS RECOMMENDATIONS, WHEN SUCH RESOLUTIONS PERTAIN TO HUMAN SETTLEMENTS;

14. THE CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THAT THE VANCOUVER CONFERENCE CONSIDER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A LEGAL COMMITTEE FOR DRAFTING MODEL LEGISLATION OR GUIDELINES TO ENACT THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE VANCOUVER CONFERENCE AND TO GUIDE INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES IN IMPROVING HUMAN SETTLEMENT LEGISLATION CONSISTENT WITH THEIR NEEDS AND STANDARDS;

15. IN CONNECTION WITH MINIMUM STANDARDS, THE CONFERENCE UNCLASSIFIED

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RECOMMENDS THAT THE VANCOUVER CONFERENCE SHOULD ELABORATE THESE IN TERMS OF SHELTER AND SANITATION, SKILLS NECESSARY FOR LIVELIHOOD, EDUCATION AND HEALTH CARE, AND THESE SHOULD CARRY THE WEIGHT OF A DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS;

16. THE CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THAT THE SUBJECT OF OVER-POPULATED AND UNDER-POPULATED COUNTRIES AND REGIONS BE TAKEN UP AT VANCOUVER, ESPECIALLY IN REGARD TO PROBLEMS OF LACK OF TRAINED MANPOWER AND LABOUR AND THAT THE VANCOUVER CONFERENCE INCLUDE IN ITS DELIBERATIONS THE BEST METHODS OF DEALING WITH THE PROBLEM OF BRAIN DRAIN;

17 THE CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THAT SPECIAL ATTENTION BE PAID TO THE NEEDS OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY AS REGARDS TRAINED PERSONNEL IN HUMAN

SETTLEMENT FIELDS AND OTHER PROSPECTS OF REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION;

18. AS A PARTIAL ANSWER TO THE PROBLEMS OF LAND SPECULATION, THE CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THAT LAND WITHIN URBAN AND SUBURBAN AREAS BE THE SUBJECT OF GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED, AND LEGISLATION FOR ITS EQUITABLE USE IN APPROPRIATE CIRCUMSTANCES BE CONSIDERED WITHIN THE OVERALL SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC POLICIES OF INDIVIDUAL NATIONS;

19. THE CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS ENCOURAGEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION HORIZONTALLY RATHER THAN VERTICALLY WHEREVER POSSIBLE, IN ORDER TO REDUCE POPULATION CONGESTION, PROVIDING SUCH EXPANSION DOES NOT CONSUME AGRICULTURAL LAND;

20. THE VANCOUVER CONFERENCE SHOULD ENCOURAGE THE DECENTRALIZATION AND CO-ORDINATION OF AGENCIES SPECIALISING IN URBAN SERVICES;

21. THE VANCOUVER CONFERENCE SHOULD ENCOURAGE POLICIES WITH REGARD TO THE DISTRIBUTION OF LAND AND SYSTEMS OF REGISTRATION OF REAL ESTATE;

22. THE VANCOUVER CONFERENCE SHOULD RECOMMEND STEPS TO FACILITATE SCIENTIFIC DISCUSSIONS TO DEAL SPECIFICALLY WITH REGIONAL PROBLEMS AND ISSUES OF CONCERN TO GROUPS OF COUNTRIES;
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23. THE VANCOUVER CONFERENCE SHOULD RECOMMEND THAT INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED FOUNDATION MAKE PROVISION IN THEIR CREDIT AND AID POLICIES TO ASSIST MEMBER STATES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF VIABLE PROJECTS WHICH ARE DESIGNED TO REALISE HUMAN SETTLEMENT POLICIES AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL BASED ON DEFINITION OF NATIONAL PRIORITIES;

24. THE VANCOUVER CONFERENCE SHOULD RECOMMEND THAT ALL NATIONS CO-OPERATE FINANCIALLY TO SUPPORT THE COST OF IMPROVING HUMAN SETTLEMENTS ACCORDING TO THEIR CAPABILITIES AND THAT THERE BE ESTABLISHED REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE USE OF FUNDS ACCORDING TO A NATIONAL PRIORITY;

25. THE VANCOUVER CONFERENCE SHOULD GIVE SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF POLICIES FOR THE GROWTH AND DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION AND INCENTIVES TO ATTAIN OBJECTIVES THROUGH, FOR EXAMPLE, BALANCED DISTRIBUTION OF INDUSTRY OVER THE NATIONAL TERRITORY;

26. NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION SHOULD BE PAID TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW LOCAL BUILDING MATERIALS AND THE INTERNATIONAL SHARING OF TECHNOLOGICAL KNOW-HOW;

27. THE VANCOUVER CONFERENCE SHOULD CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING POINTS FOR SHORT-TERM NATIONAL POLICIES: ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY CONTROL STANDARDS TO BE FIXED AND ENFORCED BY GOVERNMENTS; PRIORITY TO BE GIVEN TO LOW COST HOUSING AND ITS EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION; REMOVAL OF OBSTACLES TO THE AVAILABILITY OF LAND FOR URBAN HOUSING AND RELATED FACILITIES; CO-ORDINATION OF HOUSING PROGRAMMES WITH NEARBY COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES; COMPREHENSIVE CO-ORDINATION OF INDUSTRIAL CONSTRUCTION WITH HOUSING AND SOCIAL FACILITIES AND PROVISION OF JOBS; PROVISION OF HOUSING, FACILITIES AND SERVICES AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND ACCEPTED AS OVERHEAD COST;

28. THE VANCOUVER CONFERENCE SHOULD CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING POINTS OF LONG-TERM POLICY FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: ADOPTION OF NATIONAL HUMAN SETTLEMENT POLICIES AND POPULATION DISTRIBUTION PLANS; IDENTIFICATION OF NATIONAL RESOURCES AND SELECTION OF ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENTS; CREATION OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES TO BE RECOGNISED AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF INDUSTRIAL PLANNING; PREVENTION OF UNNECESSARY DRIFT FROM RURAL TO URBAN AREAS AND THE STRENGTHENING OF THE TRADITIONAL SETTLEMENT PATTERNS IN ACCORDANCE WITH A NATURAL HIERARCHY; AND ADOPTION OF MINIMUM STANDARDS AS PART OF A HUMAN SETTLEMENTS CODE.

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